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The attached Chronicle piece from Rangoon on Burma's growing drug traffic may be a plant of some kind. This is their first item from "Brodie Paul" and there's no telling who he may be.

The biggest hole concerns the "Burma-born Chinese warlord,"Lo Hsing-han in that we are not told whether he is or is not connected with that remnant band of Kuomintang troops who fled into Burma from Yunnan, when the Reds won in China, and took over the local opium business. I've seen reports they were supplied for years by Chiang from Taiwan, usually by planes of Chennault's old Civil Air Transport airline. At 37 Lo looks like a new generation, at any rate.

The two clippings clipped to each other are of possibly academic interest, in that they show what the Washingtn Post cut out and what the SF Examiner used of the AP dispatch. It would appear that with Turkey being phased out as an opium source it HAS to come from somewhere, and these are grudging admissions about where it actually is coming from, although the figures still are far short of the reality.

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